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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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HISTORIC					
	Dr. Merrellett's Ac	ademy, YMCA of Go	ovans, Govans Mason	nic Temple,	
AND/OR COMMON	Govans VFW Post #2570				
LOCATION					
STREET & NUMBER	510 Harwood Road Av	enoc			
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CLASSIFICA	TION				
CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRE	SENTUSE	
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STRUCTURE	_BOTH	_WORK IN PROGRESS	EDUCATIONAL	PRIVATE RESIDENCE	
SITE OBJECT	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	ENTERTAINMEN	AND THE RESIDENCE OF THE PARTY AND ADDRESS.	
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Arenaed, presently the Govans VFW Post #2570, is a late Greek Revival Building adapted to country, frame house construction. It is two and a half stories tall and five bays wide. The gabled roof is trimmed with a bracketed cornice. Between each of the six brackets are "eyebrow" or "attic" windows, totalling five in number. They have one light each and simple frames. Second story windows are double hung with 9/9 lights and simple surrounds. First story windows, two on either side of the central main entrance, are the same size as the second story windows, and are probably similarly designed, though one cannot be sure since their shutters remain closed. The main entrance is capped with a flat-topped transom. A one story open porch extends from the front facade. It is supported by six bracketed piers. The brackets of the cornice and of the porch piers, and the exterior shingles are indicative of the American rural adaption of the Greek Revival styling. Several back additions have been made to the building.

Govans VFW Post #2570 is located on a quiet nineteenth century road that has been little disrupted by twentieth century urbanization. York Road is located one block to the west.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1860		BUILDER/ARCHITECT		m
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1900-	COMMUNICATIONS	INDUSTRY	POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	OTHER (SPECIFY)
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1700-1799	ART	ENGINEERING	MUSIC	THEATER
_1600-1699	X_ARCHITECTURE	EDUCATION	MILITARY	X SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1500-1599	AGRICULTURE	ECONOMICS	LITERATURE	SCULPTURE
_1400-1499	_ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	CONSERVATION	LAW	SCIENCE
PREHISTORIC	_ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	COMMUNITY PLANNING	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	RELIGION
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

510 Harwood Avenue is the only example of the nineteenth century Greek Revival in Govans. It occurred very late in that trend probably because, at that time, Govans was only a small rural town, far away from fads and fashion. The shingles and brackets of the cornice and porch piers indicate that the Greek Revival styling was adapted to a simple American country frame building.

This building from its beginnings has been used as a meeting hall of some sort for Govans residents. In the 1860's the building was "Dr. Merrellett's academy, a private school attended by the sons of the unreconstructed Confederates according to some of the old villagers. The school was too toney for the villagers, however, and its history is a little vague". (Lee McCardell, 1940). Around the turn of the century the building was used as the YMCA of Govans, and during the 1910's one of its rooms housed the Govanstown Library. Since the 1930's 510 Harwood Road has served as a meeting hall for private lodges, first as the Govans Masonic Temple and, presently, as Govans VFW Post #2570.

The continued use of this, one of the oldest buildings in Govans, will serve as a remainder of Govans' proud past.

Major Hibliographical references

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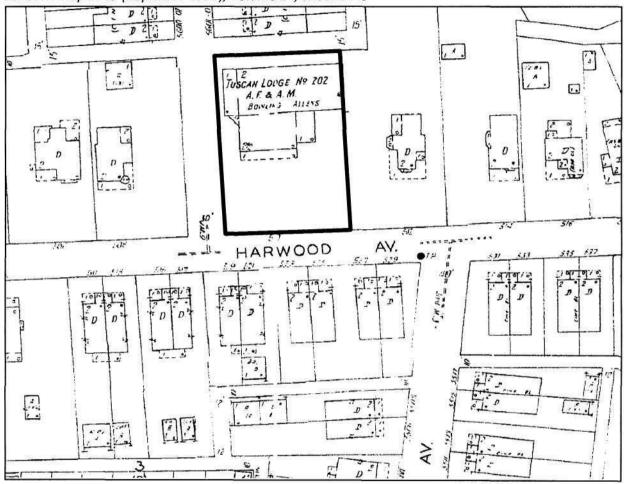
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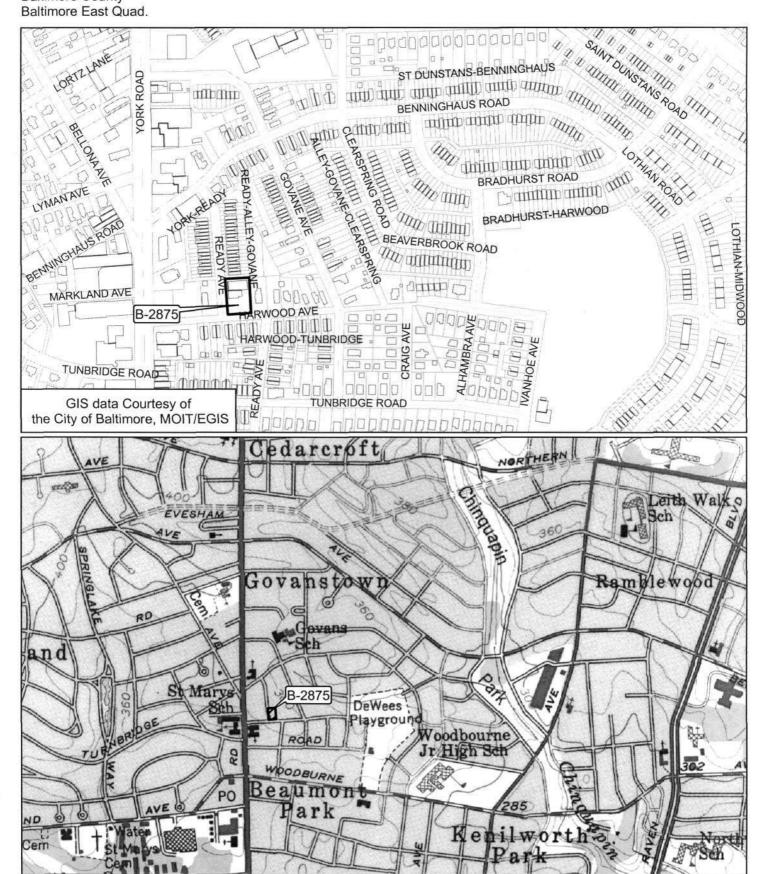
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